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**Development of Mines Located Area**

5864. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of cess realised from the bauxite mines of Lohardaga and Gumla districts in Bihar during the last three year;

(b) whether there is any provision for spending one per cent of such cess so realised for the development of the area where such mines are located;

(c) if so, the amount spent on the development of the above districts; and

(d) the details of the development work done so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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**Waiting list for telephone Connections in U.P.**

5865. SHRI MANABENDRA SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications on the waiting list for telephone connections in Districts of Tehre Garhwal, Uttarkashi, Ghakrota and Mussoorree in U.P.; and

(b) the time by which new electronic telephone exchanges are expected to be commissioned at the above places and telephone connections likely to be provided to all applications on the waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The number of applications on the waiting list for telephone connections as on 31.3.91 is: (i) in District Tehri Garhawal, 7. (ii) in District Uttarkashi, 33. (iii) in Chakrota exchange area, 2. (iv) in Mussoorree exchange area 268. (Chakrota and Mussoorree Exchanges are in Dehra Dun District).

(b) Chakrota already has Electronic Exchange. The Manual exchange at Uttarkashi and Electromechanical Exchange at Mussoorree have been planed to be replaced during 91-92 by Electronic exchanges. Replacement of other exchanges by Electronic Exchange in the districts will be carried out progressivaly as per the policy of replacement of all the life expired exchanges. The waiting list is likely to be cleared by March 1993.

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**New Job Opportunities in the Gulf Countries**

5866. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to secure new job opportunities for Indians in the Gulf countries especially in Kuwait, Saudi, Arabia, Iran and Iraq?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): The Government is in constant touch with both the Government and employers in the various Gulf countries to promote and secure new job opportunities for Indian nationals in those countries. Over 30,000 Indian nationals have returned to Kuwait, while there has been a substantial increase in the number of Indian nationals proceeding to other countries, particularly Saudi Arabia.

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**Central Assistance for Irrigation Projects in Orissa**

5867. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of Central assis-